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application: (1) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/401,581, entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROFILING USERS BASED ON THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH CONTENT TOPICS, filed Sept. 22, 1999; (2) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/045,059 entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROFILING USERS BASED ON THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH CONTENT TOPICS, filed January 15, 2002; (3) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/044,921 entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MINING A USER'S ELECTRONIC MAIL MESSAGES TO DETERMINE THE USER'S AFFINITIES, filed January 15, 2002; (4) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/044,922 entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CALCULATING A USER AFFINITY, filed January 15, 2002; and (5) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/044,914 entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING A METRICS ENGINE FOR TRACKING RELATIONSHIPS OVER TIME, filed January 15, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claim 12 as follows:

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--12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of determining whether there is a particular affinity publication policy that is associated with the user.--